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SUMMARY: JAPAN AND PRC WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR COMMERCE AND TRADE AGREEMENTS AUGUST 13 IN TOKYO. JAPAN HOPES FOR SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES PERHAPS WITHIN MONTH. END SUMMARY.

1. TOKYO SHINBUN REPORTED AUGUST 8 THAT JAPAN-CHINA NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE AGREEMENTS WOULD BEGIN AUGUST 13 IN TOKYO. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, OGURA, DEPUTY HEAD, CHINA DIVISION, FONOFF, PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFO:

2. PRC DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY FOURTH BUREAU DIRECTOR CHI WILL ARRIVE TOKYO AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 11 TO CONDUCT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. DISCUSSIONS ON NEGOTIATIONS' PROCEDURAL MATTERS WILL COMMENCE MORNING OF AUGUST 13, AND ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL LIKELY COMMENCE LATER SAME DAY.

3. GOJ NOT IN POSITION, ACCORDING OGURA, TO DISCLOSE PRC
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PROPOSALS AT THIS POINT. GOJ CONCEPT IS TO NEGOTIATE TWO

AGREEMENTS: COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD CORRESPOND TO TREATY OF COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION TO CERTAIN EXTENT, AND TRADE AGREEMENT CORRESPONDING TO PRC QTE STANDARD UNQTE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. GOJ FEELS COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT IS DESIRABLE, AND OGURA STRESSED THAT GOJ HOPES TO NEGOTIATE BOTH COMMERCE AND TRADE AGREEMENTS, NOT MERELY ONE OR OTHER.

4. GOJ, ACCORDING OGURA, INTENDS PROPOSE RECIPROCAL GRANTING OF MFN TREATMENT WITH USUAL EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED BY GATT AND TAKEN BY WESTERN COUNTRIES. QUESTION OF DURATION OF AGREEMENTS IS COMPLICATED.

5. GOJ DELEGATION TOTALKS WILL BE HEADED BY TAKASHIMA, DIRGEN, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF. COMPLETE COMPOSITION GOJ TEAM NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED.

6. PRC SIDE, ACCORDING OGURA, QUITE OPTIMISTIC AND HOPING CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS BY END OF WEEK OF 13TH. GOJ IS LESS OPTIMISTIC, AS MANY POINTS RAISED BY BOTH SIDES MUST BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED. ALTHOUGH OGURA BELIEVES IT QUESTIONABLE THAT COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT GOJ DESIRES CAN BE REACHED IN TIME FRAME ENVISAGED, HE BELIEVES IT REASONABLE TO HOPE THAT AT MINIMUM AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WILL RESULT IN SOME KIND OF BROAD AGREEMENT WITHIN MONTH.
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